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### **Richardson Urges Congress to renew O & C funding**

SALEM—State Representative Dennis Richardson (R-Central Point) voted today on House Joint Memorial 5 which encourages Congress to renew O & C funding. Currently, the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 will expire July 1 of this year.

“Oregon lands were transferred to federal control with the promise of splitting timber profits with Oregon Counties. The federal government has failed to enable responsible timber harvesting, and Oregon will lose \$230 million per year in vitally needed revenue. If the federal government cannot keep to its part of the bargain, the timberlands should be returned to Oregon control,” said Representative Richardson.

HJM 5 was passed 58 to 0 by the members of the House. Once approved by the Senate, the Memorial will be sent to President Bush, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House and the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

A copy of the Memorial is available online:

<http://www.leg.state.or.us/07reg/measpdf/hjm1.dir/hjm0005.intro.pdf>

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